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1. WE INFORMED FOLEY, COMMISSIN DEPUTY DIRECTOR-GENERAL FOR COOPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT (DG VIII) THAT WE WELCOMED THE EC'SINTEREST IN DEVELOPING AND EXPANDING MUTUAL TRADE RELATIONS WITH MEXICO ON A NON-DISCRIMINATORY BASIS, THAT WE APPRECIATE BEING KEPT INFORMED OF THE TALKS, AND THAT WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN LEARNING OF FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS FOLEY THANKED US FOR THE MESSAGE.

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2. WE HAVE ALSO INFORMED PAOLO CECCHINI, DIRECTOR FOR LATIN AMERICA AND ASIA, DG I, WHO IS IN CHARGE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS AT THE OFFICIAL LEVEL. HE WELCOMED IT AS AN EXPRESSION OF A POSITIVE US ATTITUDE AND AGREED TO KEEP US INFORMED AS THE AGREEMENT NEARS CONCLUSION. CECCHINI SAID THAT THE NEXT ROUND OF TALKS WILL BE HELD ON JUNE 9-10 IN BRUSSELS. IT WILL BE A DRAFTING SESSION AT WHICH TEXTS CURRENTLY UNDER PREPARATION WILL BE "MARKED UP." CECCHINI SAYS THAT HE EXPECTS THAT THE COMMISSION WILL HAVE TO GO BACK TO THE COUNCIL FOR A CLEARER INTERPRETATION OF THE MEANING OF "COOPERATION" IN THE CONTEXT OF THE PROPOSED AGREEMENT WITH MEXICO. HE THINKS THAT THE MATTER WILL BE TAKEN UP BY THE JUNE 24 FOREIGN MINISTERS COUNCIL. ASSUMING NO MAJOR PROBLEMS, CECCHINI WOULD THEN FORESEE INITIALLING WITH MEXICO PRIOR TO THE EC'S AUGUST RECESS, WITH SIGNATURE SOMETIME DURING THE FALL, PROBABLY OCTOBER. GREENWALD

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